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1. The installation, called "air force officer candidate school" when the labor details were assigned to their various places of work in the PW camp, was a five-story building with a light grey coat of plastering, a frontage of about 80 meters and a monumental entrance gate, (see attached sketch).
2. The third, fourth and fifth stories of the school were taken up by class rooms.
3. The school was inaugurated in August 1947.
4. The school was attended by about 300 trainees including, at most, 10 percent officers. The highest ranking officer seen at the school was a colonel. The officers were from 25 to 30 years old, the students between 17 and 20. They wore light blue epaulets with golden strips, brown service caps with light blue edge and a large eagle.
5. About 1,200 meters southwest of the new passenger railroad station (see sketch) was a site 100 meters square with the following installations:

A three-story building about 30 meters square with a cupola and a platform below the cupola; a small stone cabin about 5 meters square, a balloon filling plant; a brick garage about 10 x 5 meters and a three-story brick building with a grey coat of plastering, 30 x 10 meters.
6. Air force members frequently entered and left this site.
7. Colored balloons about 150 cm in diameter were launched three times a day from the site.

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The construction and inauguration of an air force officer candidate school in Tiflis was reported for the first time in 1947. This report appears credible. The described uniform shows that the school was attended by air force members. It must be assumed that a meteorological station is attached to the school for the meteorological training of the students.

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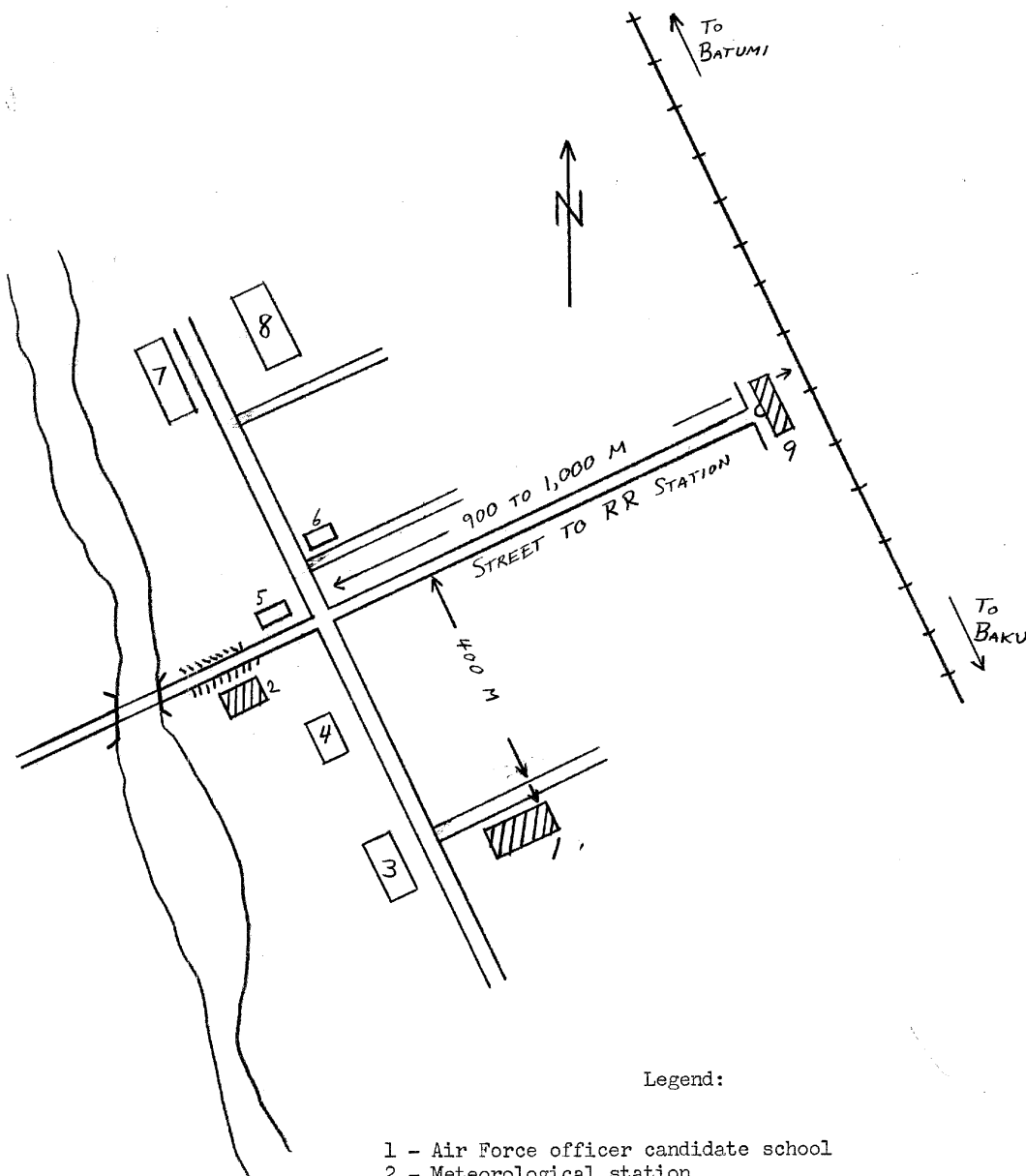
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